

## Two-Wheel Energy Savers



**PHONE ON BIKE:** Paul Indianer, 43, Miami, Fla., got rid of his car last week and installed a \$2,500 portable telephone and garage door opener on his bicycle's handlebars. "This is one of my contribu-



tions to helping the energy crisis," said Indianer, who pedals to and from work every day.

## Bargaining Act Hearing Draws Little Comment

By NICK SMITH  
Staff Writer

A public hearing Tuesday in Berrien Springs to consider a petition seeking establishment

of the first bargaining unit under the 1972 Michigan Bargaining Agriculture Act produced surprisingly few pro and con statements.

More testimony had been anticipated over the proposed asparagus price bargaining plan, because as outlined it would not take in growers of 10 acres or less. State figures indicate some 60 percent of all asparagus growers in Michigan produce less than that volume and would be left out.

Harry Foster, manager of Michigan Asparagus Growers (MAG), a division of the Michigan Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Association (MACMA), helped draft the petition and spoke in favor of the Marketing and Bargaining board accepting it.

Jim Wilson, a buyer for Michigan Fruit Canners, spoke against the board's accepting the petition before an audience of some 40 growers and processors who met for 90 minutes at the Youth Memorial building.

Two of the five members of the Marketing and Bargaining board, whose duty it is to accept (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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**CHALLENGES BIG 10:** Gerald F. Faye, 43, a doctoral student at the University of Michigan, who also teaches political science at Oakland Community college, went to U.S. District Court in Detroit Tuesday in an effort to overturn the Big Ten's decision to send Ohio State's football team to the Rose Bowl. He brought suit individually and as a representative of students at the University of Michigan and of Michigan taxpayers. (AP Wirephoto)

## Gas Rationing Moves Step Closer For U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline rationing is looming a step closer as President Nixon's Cabinet-level energy group has soured on fuel-saving tax ideas. "Almost everybody is leaning toward rationing," an administration source said, describing the attitudes expressed in a meeting Tuesday of the Emergency Energy Action Group assigned by Nixon to recommend energy-crisis policy.

The source said even Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, the strongest advocate of a gasoline tax to avoid rationing, was "not all that firm" for taxes in the meeting.

But the group has not yet made up its mind and was to discuss the issues again Thursday, the source said.

"What Shultz really would like to do is take the lid right off gasoline prices," the source related, but he said neither Shultz nor anyone else thought this should be done as long as there is a gasoline shortage.

Unlimited prices, he said, would only open the way for oil companies to roll up windfall profits by overcharging customers in a shortage market.

The notion of imposing a tax of 30 to 40 cents per gallon, to discourage unnecessary gasoline use had some appeal, but the source said the Cabinet group appeared to be reaching the conclusion a tax would take too long to clear Congress and would act too slowly to cut gasoline use.

Although President Nixon said Sunday night that gasoline supplies will be reduced 15 percent to increase the supplies of other petroleum fuels, the administration's crisis strategy calls for a 30 percent gasoline cutback.

And administration sources said Tuesday the cuts probably will be increased to 30 percent over the next several months.

One source said it now is virtually certain that the distribution of all petroleum fuels and crude oil will be placed under government control at the wholesale level.

So far, only propane gas and the "middle distillates" including home heating oil and diesel

and jet fuel are under such controls.

The source said direct consumer rationing was less certain, but was rapidly becoming likely as the tax alternative

grew more remote.

President Nixon's domestic adviser, former Rep. Melvin R. Laird, did not much like rationing but he told the group on Tuesday he could find "no sen-

timent on the Hill (Congress) in favor of a tax," the source said. In addition to Laird and Shultz, the Cabinet group

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## Ford Looks To Big Win In House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford says he is "just darned happy" to have won 92-3 approval of the Senate, and predicts he will also be approved by a wide margin in the House.

The House, where Ford has served for 25 years, is working on a schedule that would have him confirmed as the nation's 40th vice president by the end of next week.

Ford said he expected 25 House colleagues would vote against his nomination.

Before approving Ford on Tuesday, the Senate debated the nomination for an hour. The 15 senators who participated in the debate were virtually unanimous in their praise of Ford's honesty and integrity.

But Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., said he felt compelled to vote no because of Ford's support for the Vietnam war and his opposition to strong civil-rights legislation.

"I don't believe he can provide the type of inspirational leadership we need if he should become president," Nelson said.

Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton, D-Mo., who for a short time was the 1972 Democratic vice-presidential nominee, opposed Ford on similar grounds.

The third Senate vote against Ford was cast by Sen. William D. Hathaway, D-Maine, who said that Congress should first determine whether President Nixon will be impeached.

Ford, 60, has been House Republican leader for nine years.

He would succeed Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned on Oct. 10 after pleading guilty to one count of income-tax evasion. Ford was nominated two days later.

The House Judiciary Committee has wound up its Ford inquiry and is expected to endorse the nomination next Tuesday.

The confirmation process is being carried out under the 25th Amendment to the Con-



**WINS APPROVAL:** Gerald Ford, vice president-designate, is all smiles as he talks with newsmen after the Senate voted to confirm him Tuesday on Capitol Hill. (AP Wirephoto)

stitution ratified in 1967.

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, apparently spoke for many Senate Democrats when he said: "Gerald Ford is not my choice for the vice presidency but our duty is to ratify or reject the President's choice."

The potentially most-damaging allegations offered against Ford were made by former lobbyist Robert N. Winter-Berger. The Senate Rules Committee, however, said it did not find him a credible witness.

Winter-Berger alleged — and Ford denied — that he gave Ford \$15,000 in the late 1960s and that Ford underwent treatment by a New York psychotherapist.

Rules Committee Chairman Howard W. Cannon, D-Nev., said the panel studied 2,000 pages of raw FBI data on Ford and called the vice president-designate the most-investigated political nominee in history.

## CAB Offers Holiday Travel Tips

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board is issuing advice for holiday travelers, warning that the fuel shortage may result in flight cancellations at the last minute.

More than 500 daily flights have already been cut by the nation's airlines, and more cuts are expected because of President Nixon's order limit-

ing aircraft fuel.

The CAB suggested that would-be travelers keep in regular touch with their airline to make sure the flight has not been canceled or rescheduled, particularly on international flights.

Other CAB suggestions included:

—Arrive at the airport early to allow time for the crowds

and security screening.

—Check as many items as possible, as all gift-wrapped items carried on board will have to be opened and inspected.

—Don't make multiple reservations as this will keep someone else from getting a confirmed seat.

—Cancel your reservation if your plans change.

—Pick up your ticket as soon as possible so the airlines can determine how many seats are available.

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## SUIT FILED TO OVERTURN VOTE Bowl Decision Going To Court

DETROIT (AP) — A University of Michigan graduate student has filed a class action suit in federal court seeking to overturn the Big Ten's decision to send Ohio State to the Rose Bowl game.

The suit charges that Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke "improperly not only influenced the vote, but engineered it" and attacks the selection of Ohio State as "arbitrary and capricious."

The suit was filed Tuesday on behalf of Gerald Faye, 43, a doctoral student at Michigan. He was represented in court by attorney Ronald Egnor, who appeared before Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Kaess wearing a blazer with the Michigan crest on the breast.

"While we'd like to see Michigan go to the Rose Bowl because they deserve it, we're more interested in seeing the decision-making process updated and that this kind of injustice never occurs again," Egnor said.

Ohio State and Michigan played to a 10-10 tie last Saturday in Ann Arbor, leaving both undefeated. Duke polled the athletic directors by telephone after the game and announced that in a secret vote, the directors had designated Ohio State to go to the New Year's Day classic at Pasadena, Calif.

The suit contends that the secret telephone vote violated the U.S. Constitution's "due process" provisions.

Duke declined comment on the suit. "The matter has been referred to conference counsel," Duke said. "We have no particulars regarding the suit. It would be improper for me to comment on any impending legal matter at this time."

The Big Ten holds its winter business meeting in Chicago next week, and Duke said the furor over the Rose Bowl selection likely would be reviewed at that time.

Faye, who also teaches political science at Oakland Community

College outside Detroit, said he has been going to Michigan football games since 1958 and had planned to go to the Rose Bowl game if Michigan had been selected.

"But the big problem was telling my 10-year-old kid Sunday afternoon why Michigan wasn't going to go," Faye said Tuesday outside the courtroom.

The suit asked that Judge Kaess issue an injunction preventing Ohio State from going to the Rose Bowl and that he schedule an immediate hearing on the requests in the suit that a public vote be taken after a full discussion of which team should be sent to Pasadena.

Kaess, who attended Michigan as an undergraduate in 1927 and 1928, scheduled a Dec. 6 hearing on the matter.

"I'm happy to see there are other people as upset about this as I am," Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler said. "But I don't know how much good this will do."

Other officials played down the suit. "We certainly don't endorse the suit," said Michigan athletic director Don Canham. "In fact, it's ridiculous."

Mark Plant, Michigan's faculty representative for athletics, called the suit "trivialous."

And Purdue Athletic Director George King, reported to have voted for Ohio State, said the suit "is not worthy of comment."

"But ideas like this sometimes get outdated," King said, "and it might take something like this hullabaloo to get the selection procedure changed."

## They Don't Want To Choose

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Lay Leishman, chairman of the Tournament of Roses sports committee, rejects Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler's suggestion that Tournament of Roses officials pick the Rose Bowl teams.

"We don't see the Big Ten teams," Leishman told Joe Hendrickson, sports editor of the Pasadena Star-News Tuesday. "We could not be a fair judge. We have left this judgment on Bowl teams to the competing conferences, and we are happy to accept their decisions. We are very satisfied with our game and the teams who play in it."

Hendrickson, in a column, said that a sudden-death playoff in a title game or a conference formula to select a representative should be adopted by the Big Ten.

"This removes politics and wrongdoing. Never should bowl selection be left to a vote. We found that out in the West." The Pacific-8 has rules to avoid a vote if two teams tie for the title.

Schembechler criticized the Big Ten vote that sent Ohio State to the Rose Bowl after the Buckeyes and Michigan had tied 10-10 last Saturday, sharing the conference title.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### A Burning Zeal To Attract The Shiftless

Bleeding-heart members of the Michigan Legislature continue to exhibit a burning zeal to turn the state into a haven for the shiftless and the irresponsible.

It isn't enough that the nation's second highest welfare payments (only Alaska's higher) have inundated the state with a many-year influx of indigents. Now before the Legislature are several bills which provide for exempting purchases of food and drugs from the four per cent sales tax. Passage of such a measure would make the state still more attractive for those who don't support themselves.

It would be an added bonus for couples who breed children but refuse to bear a fair share of the responsibility for supporting them.

The measure would also mean that self-supporting citizens of the state would be shouldered with yet another tax burden: the estimated \$160 million to \$238 million loss in sales tax revenue

that the food and drug exemption would produce.

Sponsors of the exemption intend it to help the poor, the physically handicapped, and the aged living on low, fixed incomes.

Part of the aim is all right. There's nothing wrong with giving the physically handicapped and the aged poor an exemption card they could show when making purchases — a card they could obtain after exhibiting their income tax returns and proof of disability. In fact, it's an humane idea to protect the helpless from inflation.

But that's where it ought to stop. About the only point at which Michigan's welfare population shares directly in the cost of government is the sales tax. Take that away and there's no reason at all for them not to demand ever more from the workers of the state.

The Michigan Legislature should start passing laws that attract the industrious, instead of the shiftless.

### Snipping Energy Dog's Tail A Bite At A Time

The United States pulled its domestic economy through World War II and supplied its Free World allies with most of the war materiel they consumed by fastening a strait jacket around the country.

Rationing and controls on prices and wages, administered by a huge bureaucracy, turned the trick. Between that muscle and the average American's conviction that the war had to be won at whatever personal discomfort, the Free World survived the greatest assault ever launched against its principles and its way of life.

Monday's nosedive by the stock market would indicate at first glance that the wise men on Wall Street believe an equally great menace is rearing its head over the horizon.

They could be right, but ever since it hit the almost mythical 1,000 mark, as the Dow Jones averages scales its performance rating, in early 1971, the market has behaved like a small boy filling up on too many peaches better left on the tree a while longer.

More than the energy crisis underlies the market's erratic patterns. This crisis or any other merely increases a case of the jitters developed by other causes.

The energy crisis is the sudden realization by what a few scientific guessers have seen growing for some time.

Simplistically states, it is the consumption of more energy than now available from domestic sources or capable of fairly rapid exploitation within the near future.

The U.S. has a physical deficit in domestic petroleum production and no quick means to put its enormous coal and shale oil deposits to work.

Everyone beyond our borders has been aware of this dilemma for some

time, from Canada which we hope is a friend to King Faisal who wants to be a friend if only Washington will revive its thinking on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Depending on whom one talks to, the natural gas people, the petroleum producer, the coal miner, there is sufficient fossil fuel available to keep the country going. Not at the speed it has been moving along, but yet at a pace which is still the envy of most people beyond our borders.

Until the production-consumption level can be balanced up, there are three ways to minimize the fuel shortage.

One is the classical law of supply and demand, accompanied by the possibility of a higher fuel tax.

Though it might work, it could create serious economic dislocations and its political implications are those of mixing nitroglycerine and gasoline as a new fuel.

Another is rationing.

The Administration is going for the in-between step of voluntary cutbacks on excursion driving, fewer airplane flights, dimming the Christmas lights, holding the furnace's thermostat down, driving slower, to mention a few obvious conversation measures. Should spring or summer find no appreciable gain in fuel resources, the open window may keep the air conditioner in mothballs.

Nixon and Governor Milliken are requesting legislative sanction to beef up the voluntary measures, somewhat in the nature of hustling a reluctant child faster towards Sunday school, a neighborhood party or some other activity he would prefer to avoid.

Will this government inspired volunteerism work?

Two facts condition the answer.

One is the question of fuel stocks. If not any lower than has been announced or some influence not foreseen at present does not dilute them, half of the battle is won.

The other half is the public's cooperation with the voluntary program. If enough people cut back as a preference to rationing and the complications arising in determining who gets how much, the country can wade through the winter, however tough the weatherman may prove.

At least it is preferable to try the volunteer plan for a while rather than jump from the frying pan into the fire as many Congressmen are eager to do.

In truth, Congressional nervousness is to blame for many of the nation's ills.

Congress swallowed the environmental cause, hook, line and sinker, a few years ago, without any thought to the energy cost it implied.

Similarly it created the legislative foundation for Phases I through IV which nobody loves.

If Congress will keep its cool, the energy crisis can be squeezed to size.

Istanbul's new 3,542-foot suspension bridge over the Bosphorus marks the first time the historic strait has been bridged since Persian King Darius lashed boats from shore to shore for his army to cross in the sixth century B.C., National Geographic reports.

### Two Birds With One Stone!



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### DOWAGIAC CAGERS AIM FOR NO. 1

— 1 Year Ago —

Dowagiac cagers think they can become chiefs of Class B in Michigan this season. They went on the warpath in the tournaments last March and claimed scalps of two Top Ten

teams but eventually lost out in the quarterfinals to No. 1 Muskegon Heights.

Most of the warriors from that charge are back — led by Super Chief Edgar Wilson — so coach Clair Wilhelm's team must be rated as one of the best in the state.

#### SANTA CLAUS HAS ZIP CODE

— 10 Years Ago —

Even Santa Claus has a zip code number. It's 99701, North Pole. Area youngsters should post their Yule letters to St. Nicholas as soon as possible, using the Santaland Zip number, urges Tom Slattery, acting St. Joseph postmaster.

Every letter to Santa — if it carries a return address — will be answered this year, says Slattery, who has made all arrangements with Santa headquarters.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

#### SEES UNITED STATES RIPE FOR REVOLUTION

Editor,

To Mrs. Phyllis A. Boss and all the rest who say that it can't happen in America:

You say that a free nation is ripe for overthrow only when it is crippled by a too-powerful centralized government which begins to pressure small business and small farmers out of existence by a jabbawocky of restrictive rules and regulations — which begins to control the educational system — which begins to form Federal councils among our churches and which begins to restrict the availability of food, shelter and transportation under the guise of shortages.

You further state that Mr. Nixon is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations which has long sought to replace the weakened republics with universal government.

You berate the John Birch Society for its ominous rumblings about a conspiracy to overthrow our form of government yet you praise the Council on Foreign Relations and admit that their aim is to replace the weakened republics with universal government.

Taking things in order, may I point out that our free nation is now suffering from practically all the prerequisites for overthrow that you detailed above — A too powerful government — Occupational Safety and Health Act which is presently burdening industry with restrictive rules and regulations, costly to large industry and prohibitive to the smaller shops — similar investigative powers to invade private homes in search of appliances which may endanger the citizen — National Council of Churches — shortage of food — shortage of shelter, promoted by restricting financing to builders. — Shortage of transportation, promoted by fuel shortage — etc.

The John Birch Society has been "rumbling" for 15 years to spread understanding of the goals of the Council on Foreign Relations — to promote a world government. A world government must exercise control, military, financial and social. This means that a nation such as ours must be so changed as to make this control possible. A world government cannot exercise military control over the United States until the United States has given up its military power to the world government. This step is advocated by Mr. Nixon and his CFR associates. Mr. Nixon has taken many steps to weaken the power of the United States while telling the people that the country must remain powerful and indepen-

dent. Mr. Nixon has, by far, taken the biggest steps in expanding the Federal Government in spending and control of any president in history — all while telling the people that he favors return of government powers to local units of government.

The John Birch Society will continue its efforts to promote and understanding of the threats to our nation and our free society as long as there are people who value freedom and believe in God. If you believe in less government, more individual responsibility, and that with God's help, we can have a better world, you too believe in the Birch Society.

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#### SJ STUDENTS MADE HER DAY

Editor,

Hats off to the American political behavior class of the Milton junior high school in St. Joseph — you made my day.

The saying "a little child shall lead them" is so true in this case. I wondered who would speak out and stop the wild rumors that are ruining our great country. You young folks have said it so well.

Now let's see the news media print it on the front page.

I'm writing to the president tonight to give him my support, why don't you do it too, one voice is small but all together we make a big roar. He'll appreciate it, I'm sure.

He's done a big job and still has a big job to do. Let's get behind him.

Thanks again to Milton junior high in St. Joseph, they must have a wonderful teacher.

Mrs. Mildred Schultz  
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Coloma

### U.S. Steel Announces Price Hikes

PITTSBURGH (AP) — U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's largest producer, has announced plans to increase steel prices Jan. 1 by about 6 1/2 per cent on half of the industry's product line.

The increases would cover such steel products as rods, wire, bars, semifinished steel, plate, structurals, tubular and railroad products.

U.S. Steel said in the announcement late Tuesday that the hikes were "cost justified" and were in accordance with government regulations.

### Bruce Blossat

### Arab Embargo Spurs Oil Search



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One of my countrymen, a stranger to me, blazed in a short conversation:

"I hope the time comes when those Arabs have to drink their oil."

We hardly need a poll to tell us that many Americans, facing shortages and well aware of the Arabs' blackmailing oil embargo against us, share that gentleman's viewpoint.

Sad to say, it isn't the only response being generated. A seasoned editor tells me he is getting reports from the Middle West that U.S. farmers, cramped for fuel for farm machinery, are showing signs of anti-Semitism, blaming our aid to Israel for the troubles.

Applying the embargo or cut-back weapon as a political lever in the Middle East may give the Arabs some short range gains and satisfaction, but they may live to regret it.

For, while they have us in a crimp, are menacing the precariously mounted Japanese economy and have the Europeans (embargoed Holland excluded) acting like a bunch of toadies, the Arabs also have touched off a fresh wave of exploration, development and testing which could leave the Persian Gulf lands with no takers in the 1980s.

Leaders in the world's industrial nations are angry and want independence from people who play games with energy — the obvious lifeblood of modern society.

In two weeks of digging around since I last reported on the total world outlook, I've found the prospects for future non-Arab oil sources enlarged in several ways.

Canadians, for instance have

been leery about claiming much potential from their Arctic islands, where the big thing is an incredible store of natural gas. But a key firm drilling up there now guesses oil reserves at 35 billion barrels.

U.S. oil spokesmen who recently estimated for me that we might have 190 billion barrels' reserve in our coastal continental shelves just boosted that guess to 260 billion.

Largely ignored in all the talk about Western Europe's dependence upon Middle East oil is the fact that both continental shelf and deep seabed explorations have been going forward in the North Sea, the Irish Sea, the Norwegian Sea and the Atlantic approaches to the English channel. They are paying off.

Discoveries plus reasonable indications from drilling activity suggest enough oil beneath these waters to care for nearly half of Europe's current consumption at probable pumping rates. London's Economist says this potential will cover perhaps just a third of European consumption at projected 1980 figures, but dares to add that "most of the other two-thirds is probably waiting in other European waters."

Activity is burgeoning in the unbelievably shallow shelf waters of Southeast Asia, where most of the complex cluster of Indonesian islands once were part of mainland Asia.

Officials of a top Indonesian firm tell me there are new discoveries onshore as well as off. The sprawling nation's biggest well today is the new one at the northwest tip of the island of New Guinea.

### Marianne Means

### Heavy-Handed Touch Of Nixon



WASHINGTON (KFS) — President Nixon is trying to reach out to the people at last — and when he did it in reality instead of in theory the other day, it created something of a stir.

The President is not a physical person. When his wife Pat returned from her highly successful tour of Africa, he greeted her at the airport with a handshake.

Hence reporters were justifiably startled that Nixon patted (or tapped, slapped, or touched, depending on the version) a middle-aged sergeant in a crowd on the cheek. The White House explained it as an embarrassed reaction to the fact that the President, who had been blinded by spotlights, mistook the balding fellow for a grandmother. The White House also rushed to denounce those reporters who had adopted the slap version, even though the sergeant himself said "he slapped me" afterward.

The White House issued an official explanation and media denouncement after the incident because officials envisioned that it might fuel charges spawned by the firing of Archibald Cox that the President is a "mad-man."

That would obviously be irresponsible and excessive, but the White House was correct to anticipate the worst. The President need look no further back in history than Lyndon Johnson for an example of how a Presidency was undermined by wild accusations of personal idiosyncrasies or excesses in the Oval Office.

Johnson was called a "butcher" for Vietnam and possibly the widest-spread story about him was that of a car ride in Texas, during which he was supposedly speeding madly and threw a beer can out of the window. This columnist was in that car; the President did not drink any beer, did not throw any cans out of the window, and was not exceeding the speed limit for Texas country roads.

Despite this, the outside world sees so little of Richard Nixon the real human being unguarded that when something unusual occurs, such as the patting incident, it is natural to pause. Patting a stranger on the cheek, no matter what the circumstances, is not in character for Nixon. This columnist has watched him through six campaigns; he has consistently frozen when approached for a kiss by the local beauty queen, retreated when a local official reached out to pat him on the back, and been lacking in the little instinctive pat-touch gestures normal to many of the rest of us.

The President's long periods of isolation the past months of the Watergate crisis reinforce the picture of a solitary man unaccustomed to reaching out toward others.

Anything odd in a President's conduct is worth noting, at least in passing — particularly a President under extreme pressure. What then are we to make of his uncharacteristic pat of the sergeant's cheek?

He may be so eager to make political contact with the public which has drifted away from him that it instinctively took physical form when he was confronted with yet another mistake that would leave a bad impression.

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## Naval Reserve Seeks Members Seabee Unit Being Formed

Local Naval reserve officials have announced a Seabee (Construction Battalion) detachment is currently being formed in

Benton Harbor that could generate about \$50,000 worth of income to the area.

Chief Harold A. Johnson, of the Benton Harbor reserve center, said the detachment here could generate the income through salaries and purchases.

The Seabees would be involved in community projects and building things for non-profit organizations.

The commanding officer for the proposed detachment will be Lt. R.B. Gordon. He said he needs 25 persons to sign up for the local Seabee unit before it can be commissioned, and then become part of the Seabee battalion based in Glenview, Ill.

Gordon urged persons with prior service in the Seabees, or in engineering units in the other services, to contact Chief Johnson or CEI G.A. Denner at the reserve center, 475 Cass street.

Gordon said wages vary depending on what a man carried when he was discharged from the service, but said the average figure is about \$1,600 per year. This includes pay for two weeks active duty during the summer.

Gordon said he hopes the local Seabee detachment can begin drilling the third weekend in January, and then will meet the third weekend of each month for drills.

Persons wishing to join the detachment or wishing further information should call the Benton Harbor reserve center.



**PLAN SEABEE UNIT:** Plans are now being formulated for forming a Seabee unit in Benton Harbor in conjunction with Naval reserve center. The detachment needs 25 men before it can be commissioned, and persons with prior service experience should contact reserve center for information on joining. Discussing plans are (from left): Lt. R.B. Gordon, who will be commanding officer of Seabees; CEI G.A. Denner and Chief Harold A. Johnson, both of reserve center. (Staff photo)



**DOUSE THE LIGHTS!:** Members of the St. Joseph Business Association yesterday unanimously voted to turn off their light pole decorations on four blocks of State street in downtown St. Joseph. Bob Mackay,

a spokesman for the group, said the association decided to honor President Nixon's request to ban outdoor lighted decorations. Street lights will remain on as usual.

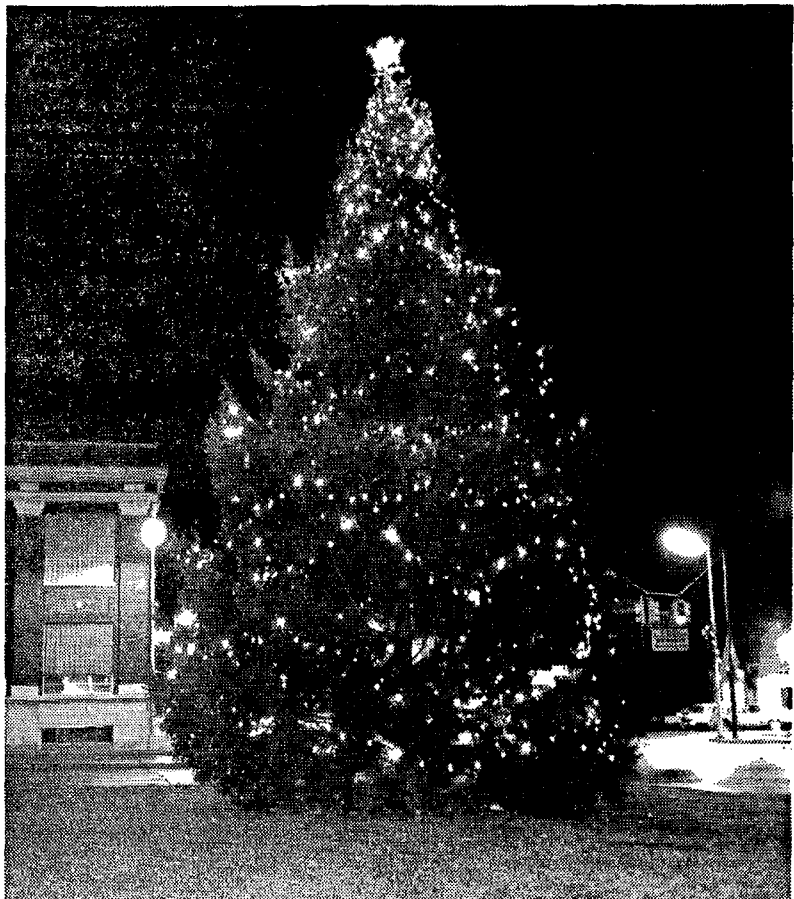
## Hearing Set Here Dec. 17

The Michigan Employment Relations commission (MERC) has set a hearing Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in probate court, Berrien county courthouse, St. Joseph, on an unfair labor practice charge against the county board of commissioners and a probate judge.

The charge was filed Oct. 24 by Michigan Council 55, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO) on behalf of some 40 to 50 juvenile and probate court employees. It names Probate Judge Ronald Lange as respondent, and the county board of commissioners in the body of the charge.

Bert Wicking, MERC administrative law judge, expects to take evidence from the parties Dec. 17 and draft a "recommended order" for consideration by the three-member Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

The union charged that after the parties agreed on a first contract, the county board of commissioners failed to act and that Judge Lange has failed to implement the contract.



**CHRISTMAS WINS HERE:** The giant St. Joseph community Christmas tree will be lit from 5:30 to 10 p.m., St. Joseph city commissioners have decided. Assured there is plenty of night time power available, commissioners decided to light up in the evening mostly to benefit youngsters. Overhead lights on Broad and Main streets will be extinguished, however. (Staff Photos)

## Would Assist In Soil Survey U.S. Offers Berrien Aid

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Soil Conservation office has offered to work with Berrien county on a soil survey of 350,000 acres at a cost to the county of \$100,000 spread over five years.

The proposal for the soil survey to begin next spring was submitted to county commissioners by William Westrate, district conservationist for Berrien county. The survey would aid in land development planning and in location and preservation of prime agricultural land.

The U.S. Soil Conservation office has offered to furnish a soil survey leader, transportation, aerial photographs and office space. The county is asked to hire two soil scientists at an average annual cost of \$20,000 during the five year survey.

The proposal will be discussed at a joint session of the county board's finance and planning and social service committees for a possible recommendation. The possibility of using revenue sharing money will be among the topics of discussion.

The last soil survey of Berrien county was made in the early part of this century. The Soil Conservation office estimates that 20,000 acres of county land have been surveyed and mapped according to existing standards, leaving about 350,000 acres to be mapped.

The Soil Conservation office said in its proposal that requests

for soil information are increasing rapidly. In fiscal 1973, the office provided soil information to a total of 44 townships, cities, villages, county agencies, schools and federal farm agencies. Soil information was also provided on 33 property subdivisions and to realtors, private lending institutions and prospective land purchasers.

Thomas Sinn, county planning director, said an attempt was made to conduct a soil survey about 5 years ago but county financing and Soil Conservation personnel were never available at the same time.

County Commissioner R.J. Burkholz said a soil survey would be widely used in the county. The county planning office, road commission and health department would be among the agencies to benefit from a survey.

Burkholz said Berrien county was offered this opportunity for the survey because the county finally came to the top of a list it has been on for five years and because the county has consistently expressed interest in such a survey. The survey could begin in local communities feeling the most pressure for development, he explained.

The survey would give detailed description of soils parcel by parcel and would help in determining whether land is most adaptable to residential, industrial, commercial, recreational or agricultural use.

## FOR 7 CENTS BH Resident, 67, Beaten And Robbed

By STEVE SAGER  
Staff Writer

A 67-year-old Benton Harbor man suffered a fractured nose when he was beaten and robbed for seven cents by three men Tuesday, Benton Harbor police reported.

The attack occurred about 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Kirby street and Broadway, police said. Leo Reist, 67, 138 Garfield avenue, told police the men came up from behind him, knocked him down and then beat him while they went through his pockets. The seven cents was the only money Reist reportedly had at the time.

Reist was taken to Mercy hospital where he was also treated for contusions to the face and released.

Police said there were four witnesses, but one of them was uncooperative, and only partial descriptions were obtained from the other three who said three black males were involved.

Reist is a retired grocer who was the target of burglars many times when he operated stores on Napier avenue in Benton township and McAllister avenue in Benton Harbor.

## Two Women Injured

Two women were treated and released from Memorial hospital Tuesday after they sustained injuries in a three car collision on Napier avenue at 9:45 a.m., St. Joseph township police reported.

Elaine Rose Lorentz, 20, 2088 East Empire avenue, Benton township, and Veronica Loris Wilson, 44, 2631 Hillview lane, St. Joseph township, were injured when their two cars were struck by a third car driven by William Albert Nichols, 276 Jamesway drive, St. Joseph township. Fairplain.

Police said Nichols was ticketed for failure to stop in an assured clear distance ahead.

## Arraigned

A 17-year-old Benton township youth demanded examination Tuesday when he was arraigned in Berrien Fifth District Court on a charge of breaking and entering Ehrenberg's Service station, 220 Main street, St. Joseph on Nov. 18.

Arrested Monday was Charles Roy Yeager, Jr., 17, 1201 Coolidge avenue. Yeager was picked up in South Haven by city police on a request from St. Joseph police after a warrant from Berrien county was issued.

Yeager appeared before Fifth District judge Hugh Black, who set bail at \$5,000.

John Edward Klann, 18, Hartford, was arraigned Monday on a breaking and entering charge in connection with the same burglary in which about \$11 was taken.

## NP Fund 'Take-Off' Predicted By Santa

The News-Palladium Good Fellow fund inched near the \$400 mark today with contributions of \$75 from two long-standing givers.

But Santa noted that "inching" isn't what Good Fellows are reckoned for, and predicted that the fund will "take-off" shortly.

"We're still a long way from our goal," the merry old elf said, "but if everyone will just set aside a little for the Good Fellow fund, it will go a long way to helping the needy have a Merry Christmas."

The total today stands at

\$388.21, or more than 5 per cent of the News-Palladium Good Fellow goal of \$7,500.

Santa said the Benevolent Elks Tiler Lodge No. 1367 on Fair avenue sent over \$25, and Frank Sink, who Santa called a "real good Good Fellow" chipped in with \$50.

Good Fellow contributions will be used for gifts and cards for those who might otherwise have no Christmas at all. The Good Fellows are trying to fulfill that wish, but they need your help.

Help make Santa's famous quote come true in Benton Har-

THE NEWS-PALLADIUM  
Good Fellow  
FUND



bor this yule season: "A Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Night."

## SJ Good Fellow Fund Receives Poem, Donation

There are so many facets of Christmas that it sometimes takes a dedicated Herald-Press Good Fellow to put the finger on the real cause.

Today's contribution is richer by a total of \$15 and a four-line verse that explains the whole program.

Katherine D. Williams of St. Joseph wrote: "Though faith in executives crumbles around us, 'Good Will' is an attribute that still surrounds us. 'And so at this season when

love is prevailing,

"Accept this small check and good wishes unfailing!"

With the poem came \$5. An anonymous city hall denizen sent in \$10 just as he has ever since the fund first started.

The two gifts and the welcome verse push the 1973 Herald-Press Good Fellow total to \$237 which is a nice start but still a long way from the \$3,500 goal. Just so nobody gets complacent last year at this time there was

THE HERALD-PRESS  
Good Fellow  
FUND



\$259 in the Good Fellow treasury.

## Seawall Bid Gives SJ Reason To Smile

Lamb Construction Company of Chicago, Ill. was the apparent low bidder at \$226,800 during bid opening Monday in Detroit for the contract to construct a seawall in front of the St. Joseph water plant.

The bid by Lamb was nearly \$100,000 below the engineer's estimate of \$323,185. The other three bids in the Detroit district office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ranged to a high of \$369,415.

Ross Kittleman, project engineer for the Grand Haven office of the corps, said "we got a very good bid from Lamb."

St. Joseph city commissioners last April asked the corps to construct the seawall to protect the city's water plant from erosion. The corps pays up to \$50,000 of the cost under the Flood Control Act of 1946 which authorizes

emergency bank protection to prevent flood damage.

Lamb is now being asked to verify its bid and provide a performance bond and the contract should be awarded within a week, Kittleman said. He estimated construction would begin the middle of December and be completed by the end of January.

The construction will consist of 460 lineal feet of stone rip rap revetment (protective blanket of stone) on the bank adjacent to the water plant. The 15,000 tons of stone will help dissipate wave action and hold the embankment in place, Kittleman said.

The other bids were from: Speidel Construction and Marine, Inc. of Benton Harbor, \$306,905; C & N Construction Company of Decatur, \$341,950; and La Crosse Dredging Company of Chicago, Ill., \$369,415.

## Sodus Twp. Tax Bills Go Out Next Week

SODUS — Property tax bills for Sodus township residents are scheduled to go into the mails next week.

Township Treasurer Ronald Schroeder told the township board last night that he would be at the township hall on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through January at least to collect payments. No report was

made on the amount expected to be collected.

In other areas, Clerk Carrol Cox said the board agreed to hold just one meeting in December because of the Christmas holiday. The meeting will be held Dec. 11, he said.

The purchase of additional shelving for the township library, to cost an estimated \$500, was approved.



SHOPPING DAYS  
TO CHRISTMAS

**DECLARES DIVIDEND**  
DETROIT (AP) — The board of directors of Detroitbank Corp. have declared a quarterly dividend of 63 cents to be paid Dec. 31 to stockholders of record Dec. 7.



## First \$1 Million Sales Year For Coloma Firm



JOHN R. CONNER  
Owner-President

### Modern Metals Is Expanding

COLOMA — Modern Light Metals, Inc., manufacturer of loading dockboards and related equipment, will top the million-dollar sales mark for the first time this year, reported John R. Conner, owner and president.

The firm is also currently building a plant addition that will increase production space by 50 per cent at the factory, located on Boyer road, near here. Conner said the 6,000 square-foot addition will bring production area to 18,000 square feet. The contractor is Great Lake Building Service, St. Joseph.

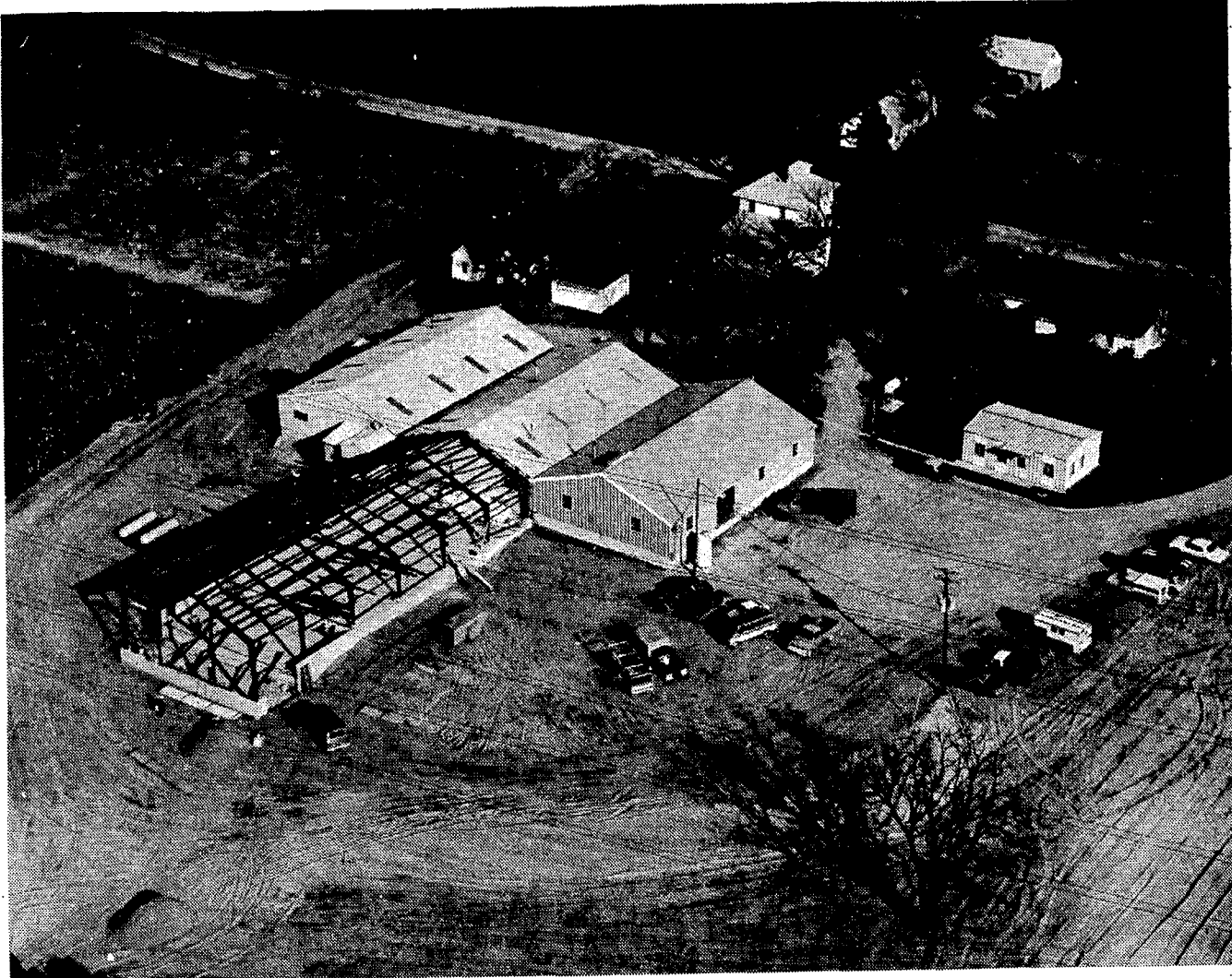
Conner said the \$1 million sales mark will represent a 31 per cent increase from 1972, and the plant addition will provide space for enough production to hike the sales level to about \$1.5 million.

Conner said Modern Light Metals is among about seven such factories in the nation. Its products are custom-manufactured to fit the customer's needs, and the customers are nation-wide. Products include truck and rail dockboards, van ramps, dock plates and cross-over bridges, all used in work related to material handling. Magnesium, aluminum and steel are used in production, and so far, metal needed has been available. In some instances, it's necessary to order

materials earlier than normal, Conner said.

The firm employs 20 persons, and profit-sharing bonuses this year will be about 19 per cent, Conner said. Modern Light Metals averages about 676 orders a year, and this year, the largest single order was filled. It was from Ford Motor Co. south Chicago assembly plant, which ordered 37 cross-over bridges. These will cover a railroad track inside the plant that is no longer used by freight cars.

Modern Light Metals was founded in 1946 by Arley E. Morse, who served as president until 1968, when Conner purchased the firm. Sales in 1968 were listed at \$458,000.



**PLANT EXPANSION:** Addition to Modern Light Metals, Inc., will increase production space by 50 per cent, as firm records first \$1 million sales year. Materials handling firm is off Boyer road

(above) near Coloma. Great Lake Building Service, Inc., St. Joseph, is general contractor for 6,000 square-foot addition. (Aerial photo by Ames Associates)

## MEA Says Crisis Is Serious

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — School districts are facing an energy crisis situation that is more serious than initially reported, the Michigan Education Association says.

Mary Kay Kosa, MEA president, said Tuesday the group, after a report from its special task force, "is convinced that many, many school districts will be faced with serious situations during the coming winter months."

"Our latest information leads us to believe that for many of these districts, their only hope lies in a total closing of the district for a significant block of time. For instance, districts could well consider a lengthy extension of the Christmas vacations."

However, she said local schools should be given a measure of flexibility to deal with the problems, such as possibly considering a six-day week in the spring to make up for lost time.

"Our state Board of Education should not proclaim mandatory guidelines, but should put itself in the posture of positive leadership, aiding local districts in meeting their problems on a local level," she said.

**GERMANS CHALLENGED**  
BONN, West Germany (AP) — Chancellor Willy Brandt called on West Germans today to develop new sources of energy with the same determination that enabled them to recover from World War II.

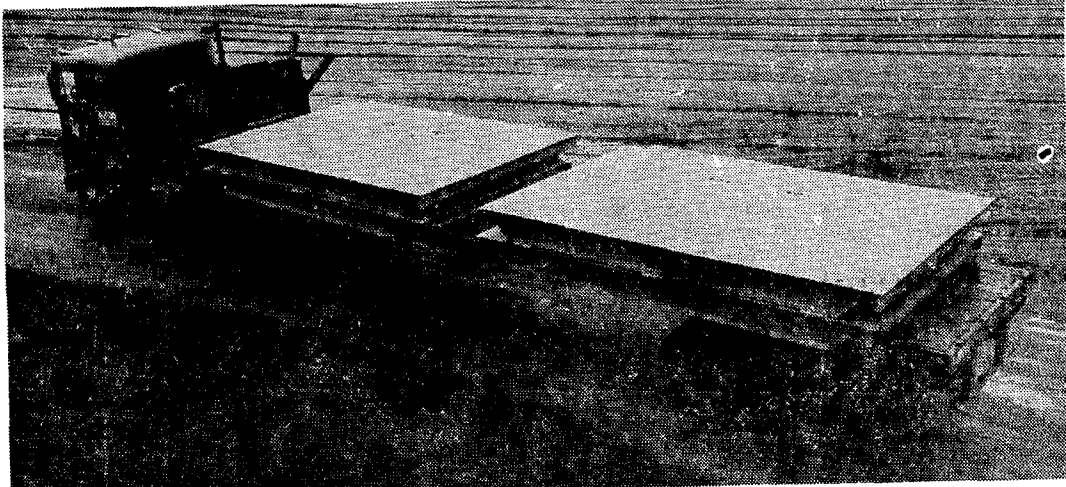
### Father Fadder Must Pay

Judge William S. White of Berrien circuit court Monday ordered John E. Fadder, of 1203 East Front street, Buchanan, to pay \$23 weekly support for one child on ADC and \$5 weekly on \$765.50 arrears, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

### Home Damaged

SOUTH HAVEN — Fire caused an estimated \$2,000 damage to the Rosilee Holbrook residence, 60th street, Casco township, early today.

Casco township firemen, who responded to the 1:35 a.m. alarm, said damage was confined to a rear wall and porch. The cause was not determined and the dwelling was not insured, firemen said.



**FORD ORDER FILLED:** Truck-load of cross-over bridges to cover railroad tracks inside plant leaves Modern Light Metals, Inc., Coloma, for Ford Motor

Co. South Chicago assembly plant. Order for 37 of these bridges is largest yet for local firm. (Ames Associates photograph)

## Michigan School Enrollment Dips

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Preliminary figures indicate that Michigan's public school enrollment has declined by nearly 32,000 pupils as compared with last year.

The figures, released by the state Board of Education, are tentative and almost certainly will change when more accurate counts are made.

They were compiled mainly from the traditional fourth-Friday pupil count held in September, but in many cases are based on estimates.

The estimated enrollment of students in kindergarten through the 12th grade this fall

is 2,161,435, compared with 2,193,270 in the 1972-73 school year.

Robert Hornberger, director of department services for the state education department, said the figures are consistent with the state Bureau of the Budget's predictions, based on the fact the "birthrate dropped off several years ago."

Complicating the accuracy of the figures is the fact that three school districts — Detroit, Flint-Beecher and Inkster — did not take a census because they were closed on the count date by teacher strikes.

The Michigan Legislature

still is wrangling over a bill to allow a new count. It would apply directly to the three districts closed and also would give all other school districts a chance to have another count, so their figures could climb. The pupil count is important since it is the key to how much state school aid a school district will receive.

The figures also suggest urban centers are showing a decline in student populations, while many counties fringing metropolitan areas are increasing enrollment.

Some of the fourth-Friday counts have not been tabulated on a county basis, making the figures even more tentative.

### Lawrence Parents Organize

LAWRENCE — A new organization of parents of Lawrence school children has been formed to help improve communications between parents and school personnel. The group, yet to be named, will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in the social room of the American National bank, according to Mrs. Richard Barnes, group member.

## State Board Rejects Long Yule Holiday

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Balking at a recommendation to extend the Christmas school vacation until Jan. 20, the state Board of Education instead voted Tuesday night to deal with fuel shortages on an individual district basis.

By a 4-2 vote, the board adopted a substitute motion by board member James O'Neill of Livonia which calls on school districts anticipating fuel problems to inform the board by Dec. 12. Then, he said, appropriate action could be considered.

The board's action sidestepped a recommendation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Porter. Porter recommended the board ask the governor for action so Christmas vacation could be extended to a total of 20 school days, or from about Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Porter's recommendation also called for minimum building temperatures of 40 degrees during the vacation and "where possible, reduced to the prevailing outside temperature."

Porter said in his report that the "best information currently available indicates that schools can expect a 25 per cent cut in heating fuel allocations for the school year."

"In other words, a 25 per cent fuel savings will have to be achieved," he said. Voluntary conservation measures will achieve a three to five per cent savings, Porter said, adding that closing the schools for 20 school days would result in a 9.8 per cent savings.

He said, however, the measures "would still fall far short of the projected 25 per cent requirement, leaving a 10

to 12 per cent savings still to be achieved by subsequent actions."

O'Neill said not all districts have problems, noting that Detroit uses coal which is generally available. His motion specifically calls for the districts to inform the state board if they think they are not able to complete the required 180 days of school because of lack of fuel. Board member Marilyn Jean Kelley criticized Porter's recommendation, and said the state should instead be concerned with more affirmative steps to get energy.

"Until we know exactly what the crisis is, it is foolish to act so stridently," she said of the recommendation for a long Christmas vacation.

Dr. Gorton Riethmiller, board president, said it is "silly to say maybe it (the crisis) is not real."

### Milliken Uses Dirty Old Auto

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken is frequently seen these days riding to work—as a fuel-saving gesture—in a smudged, worn-out-looking unmarked State Police car instead of his sleek new limousine.

The dirty, blue 1970 Plymouth Fury drinks less gasoline than either the state-provided 1973 Lincoln Continental or the 1972 Chrysler Imperial Milliken formerly used almost all the time, said George Weeks, a spokesman for the governor

## SHORTAGES THREATEN BUSES

# Area Schools Will Stay Open

Spokesmen for six southwestern Michigan school districts named in a Michigan Education

### Loot Valued At \$700

DOWAGIAC — Nearly \$700 in items were taken from a mobile home south of here late yesterday morning, according to Cass county sheriff's deputies.

The break-in at the home of Ronald Fletcher, route 1, Beeson street, Dowagiac, occurred between 11 and 11:45 a.m., according to police. No one was home at the time.

Taken during the break-in were a television, stereo, portable radio, rifle, and shotgun. Thieves gained entry by kicking in the front door, according to sheriff's deputies.

association report as facing energy shortages this school year said yesterday they expect no shortages which could force schools to close.

The comments were made after results of the MEA report were reported to the districts. Involved among southwestern Michigan's 34 public school districts were Berrien Springs and Niles in Berrien county, Edwardsburg, Marcellus and Dowagiac in Cass county and Pennville in Allegan county.

The district spokesmen said that based on present information each would have enough fuel and power supplies to keep the schools open. They agreed, however, that gasoline for bus operations was the biggest question mark.

The spokesmen also indicated they had no prior knowledge of the MEA survey.

In the release containing the survey data, the MEA urged local solutions to shortages

because of their isolated nature.

A blanket action imposed by the state, the release indicated, could override contract provisions worked out by local boards and local teachers

represented by MEA chapters.

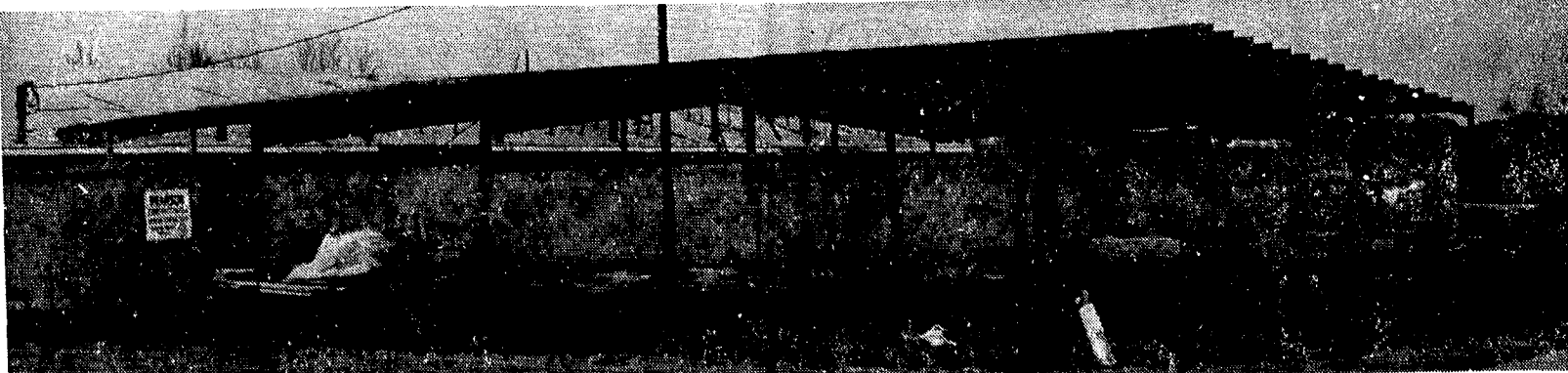
The contracts in most cases cover the school calendar as well as certain classroom working conditions.

Herman Coleman, MEA

executive director, said information for the survey came from MEA representatives in the district during the week of Nov. 12.

The data showed that only

about 20 per cent of the state's 500-plus public districts face some sort of a shortage. The report said the degree of shortage varied from district to district.



**COMPANY EXPANDS:** Custom Built Brush company of Watervliet township, is in process of building \$48,000 addition to its plant on Dan-Smith road.

Addition when complete will be used for storage space and for enlargement of firm's production line. Company manufactures both truck and car wash

brushes. Pearson Construction company, Benton Harbor, is constructing the 72 by 160 foot steel addition. (Cliff Stevens photo)